A Brief DESCRIPTION OF The Province OF CAROLINA *On the* COASTS *of* FLOREDA.

AND

More perticularly of a *New-Plantation* begun by the *ENGLISH* at *Cape-Feare*, on that River now by them called *Charles-River*, the 29th. of *May*. 1664.

Wherein is set forth

The *Healthfulness* of the *Air*; the *Fertility* of the *Earth*, and *Waters*; and the great *Pleasure* and *Profit* will accrue to those that shall go thither to enjoy the same.

Also,

Directions and advice to such as shall go thither whether on their own accompts, or to serve under another.

Together with

A most accurate MAP of the whole *PROVINCE*.

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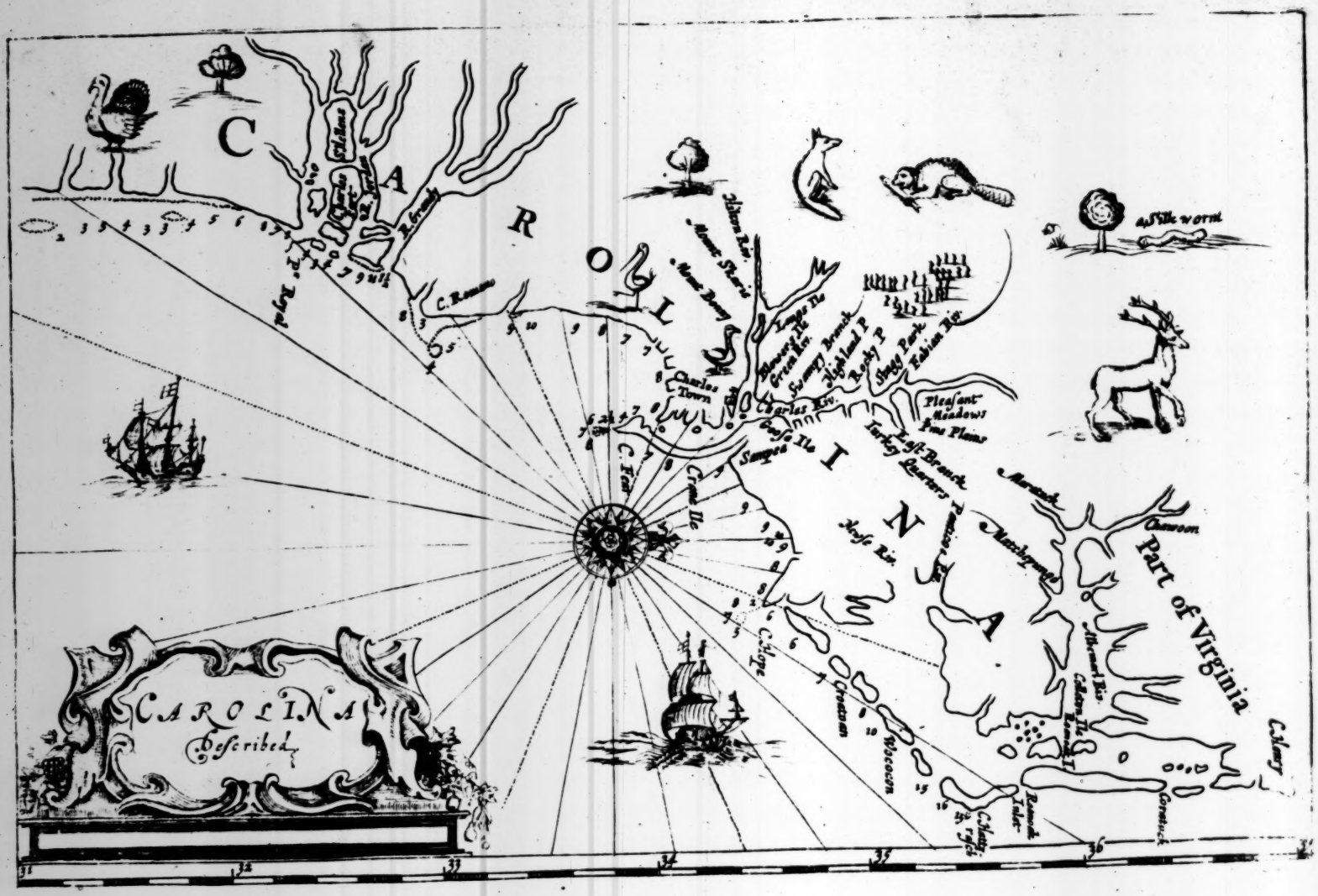
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A Brief Description of *The* Province of *CAROLINA*, &c.

CAROLINA is a fair and ſpacious Province on the Continent of *America*: ſo called in honour of His Sacred Majeſty that now is, *Charles the Second*, whom God preſerve; and His Majeſty hath been pleas'd to grant the ſame to certain Honourable Perſons, who in order to the ſpeedy planting of the ſame, have granted divers privileges and advantages to ſuch as ſhall tranſport themſelves and Servants in convenient time; This Province lying ſo neer *Virginia*, and yet more Southward, enjoys the fertility and advantages thereof; and yet is ſo far diſtant, as to be freed from the inconſtancy of the Weather, which is a great cauſe of the unhealthfulneſs thereof; alſo, being in the latitude of the *Barmoodoes* may expect the like healthfulneſs which it hath hitherto enjoy'd, and doubtleſs there is no Plantation that ever the *Engliſh* went upon, in all reſpects ſo good as this: for though *Barmoodoes* be wonderful healthy and fruitful, yet is it but a Priſon to the Inhabitants, who are much ſtreightned

ſtreightned for want of room, and therefore many of them are come to *Carolina*, and more intend to follow. There is ſeated in this Province two Colonies already, one on the River *Roanoak* (now called *Albemarle* River) and borders on *Virginia*; the Other at *Cape Feare*, two Degrees more Southerly; of which follows a more perticular Deſcription.

This Province of *Carolina* is ſituate on the main Continent of *America*, between the degrees of 30. and 36. and hath on the North the South part of *Virginia*; on the South is bounded by the 30 degree of Latitude not yet fully diſcovered; on the Eaſt is *Mare Atlanticum*, part of the great Ocean; and on the Weſt the wealthy South Sea is its Confines.

The perticular Deſcription of Cape-Feare.

IN the midſt of this fertile Province, in the Latitude of 34 degrees, there is a Colony of *Engliſh* ſeated, who Landed there the 29 of *May*, *Anno* 1664. and are in all about 800 perſons, who have overcome all the difficulties that attend the firſt attempts, and have cleered the way for thoſe that come after, who will find good houſes to be in whilſt their own are in building; good forts to ſecure them from their enemies; and many things brought from other parts there increaſing to their no ſmall advantage. The entrance into the River, now called *Cape-Feare* River, the ſituation of the Cape, and trending of the Land, is plainly laid down to the eye in the Map annexed. The River is barred at the entrance,

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but there is a Channel cloſe abord the Cape that will convey in ſafety a ſhip of 300 Tons, and as ſoon as a ſhip is over the Bar, the River is 5 or 6 fathom deep for a 100 miles from the Sea; this Bar is a great ſecurity to the Colony againſt a forreign Invaſion, the channel being hard to find by thoſe that have not experience of it, and yet ſafe enough to thoſe that know it.

The Earth, Water, and Air.

THe Land is of divers ſorts as in all Countryes of the world, that which lyes neer the Sea, is ſandy and barren, but beareth many tall Trees, which make good timber for ſeveral uſes; and this ſandy ground is by experienced men thought to be one cauſe of the healthfulneſs of the place: but up the River about 20 or 30 mile, where they have made a Town, called *Charles*-Town, there is plenty of as rich ground as any in the world; It is a blackiſh mold upon a red ſand, and under that a clay, but in ſome places is rich ground of a grayer colour, they have made Brick of the Clay, which proves very good; and Lime they have alſo for building. The whole Country conſiſts of ſtately Woods, Groves, Marſhes and Meadows; it abounds with variety of as brave Okes as Eye can behold, great Bodies tall and ſtreight from 60 to 80 foot, before there be any Boughs, which with the little under-wood makes the Woods very commodious to travel in, either on Horſe-back or a foot. In the barren ſandy ground grow moſt ſtately *Pines*, white and red *Cedars*, *Aſh*, *Birch*, *Holly*, *Cheſnut*, and *Walnut-trees* of

of great growth and very plentiful: There are many ſorts of fruit Trees, as *Vines*, *Medlars*, *Peach*, *Wild Cherries*, *Mulbury-Trees*, and the *Silk-worm* breeding naturally on them, with many other Trees for Fruit and for Building, for Perfume and for Medicine, for which the *Engliſh* have no name; alſo ſeveral ſorts of Dying Stuff, which may prove of great advantage; The Woods are ſtored with Deer and Wild Turkeys, of a great magnitude, weighing many times above 50 *l.* a piece, and of a more pleaſant taſt than in *England*, being in their proper climate; other ſorts of Beaſts in the Woods that are good for food; and alſo Fowls, whoſe names are not known to them. This is what they found naturally upon the place; but they have brought with them moſt ſorts of ſeeds and roots of the *Barbadoes* which thrive very well, and they have *Potatoes*, and the other Roots and Herbs of *Barbadoes* growing and thriving with them; as alſo from *Virginia*, *Barmoodoes*, and *New-England*, what they could afford: They have *Indico*, *Tobacco* very good, and *Cotton-wool*; *Lime-trees*, *Orange*, *Lemon*, and other Fruit-Trees they brought thrive exceedingly: They have two Crops of *Indian*-Corn in one year, and great increaſe every Crop; *Apples*, *Pears*, and other *Engliſh* fruit, grow there out of the planted Kernels: The Marſhes and Meadows are very large from 1500 to 3000 Acres, and upwards, and are excellent food for Cattle, and will bear any Grain being prepared; ſome Cattle both great and ſmall, which live well all the Winter, and keep their fat without Fodder; Hogs find ſo much Maſt and other Food

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in the Woods, that they want no other care than a Swine-herd to keep them from running wild. The Meadows are very proper for *Rice*, *Rape-ſeed*, *Linſeed*, &c. and may many of them be made to overflow at pleaſure with a ſmall charge. Here are as brave Rivers as any in the World, ſtored with great abundance of *Sturgeon*, *Salmon*, *Baſſe*, *Plaice*, *Trout*, and *Spaniſh Mackrill*; with many other moſt pleaſant ſorts of Fiſh, both flat and round, for which the *Engliſh* Tongue hath no name. Alſo in the little Winter they have abundance of *Wild Geeſe*, *Ducks*, *Teals*, *Widgeons*, and many other pleaſant fowl; and (as is ſaid before) the Rivers are very deep and navigable above 100 miles up; alſo there are wholſome Springs and Rivulets. Laſt of all, the Air comes to be conſidered, which is not the leaſt conſiderable to the well being of a Plantation, for without a wholſom Air all other conſiderations avail nothing; and this is it which makes this Place ſo deſireable, being ſeated in the moſt temperate Clime, where the neighbour-hood of the glorious Light of Heaven brings many advantages, and his convenient diſtance ſecures them from the Inconvenience of his ſcortching beams. The Summer is not too hot, and the Winter is very ſhort and moderate, beſt agreeing with *Engliſh* Conſtitutions. *Cape-Feare* lyes about 34 degrees from the Equator, the Nights nor Days are ſo long when at longeſt as in *England*, by ſomewhat above two hours. A remarkable Inſtance of the Healthfulneſs of the Place, is, That at the firſt ſetting down of the Colony, when they had no houſe nor harbour, but wrought

hard all day, in preparing Wood to build, and lay in the open Air all night, yet not one of them was ill, but continued well all the time; they Sympathize moſt with the *Barmoodoes*, which is the healthfulleſt ſpot in the World, and yet the laſt year they had a Feaver and Ague that troubled them much, which alſo was at *Cape-Feare*, but was not dangerous to any that took care of themſelves, and had things convenient. This place had been aimed at many years ſince. Sir *Walter Rawleigh* had a deſign to have planted it. Thoſe of the *Barmoodoes*, whoſe Habitations are too ſtreight for them, have with longing deſire waited for the diſcovery of this place that is neer their own Latitude, where they may expect the ſame healthfulneſs they do now enjoy, which is now perfected as to the firſt Settlement, and wants nothing but a diligent proſecution of ſo noble an Enterprize.

If therefore any induſtrious and ingenious perſons ſhall be willing to pertake of the Felicites of this Country, let them imbrace the firſt opportunity, that they may obtain the greater advantages.

The chief of the Privileges are as follows.

Firſt, There is full and free Liberty of Conſcience granted to all; ſo that no man is to be moleſted or called in queſtion for matters of Religious Concern; but every one to be obedient to the Civil Government, worſhipping God after their own way.

Secondly,

Secondly, There is freedom from Cuſtom for all *Wine*, *Silk*, *Raiſins*, *Currance*, *Oyl*, *Olives*, and *Almonds*, that ſhall be raiſed in the Province for 7. years, after 4 Ton of any of thoſe commodities ſhall be imported in one Bottom.

Thirdly, Every Free-man and Free-woman that tranſport themſelves and Servants by the 25 of *March* next, being 1667. ſhall have for Himſelf, Wife, Children, and Men-ſervants, for each 100 Acres of Land for him and his Heirs for ever, and for every Woman-ſervant and Slave 50 Acres, paying at moſt ½*d. per acre, per annum*, in lieu of all demands, to the Lords Proprietors: Provided always, That every Man be armed with a good Muſquet full bore, 10 *l.* Powder, and 20 *l.* of Bullet, and ſix Months Proviſion for all, to ſerve them whilſt they raiſe Proviſion in that Countrey.

Fourthly, Every Man-Servant at the expiration of their time, is to have of the Country a 100 Acres of Land to him and his heirs for ever, paying only ½ *d. per Acre, per annum*, and the Women 50. Acres of Land on the ſame conditions; their Maſters alſo are to allow them two Suits of Apparrel and Tools ſuch as he is beſt able to work with, according to the Cuſtom of the Countrey.

Fifthly, They are to have a Governour and Council appointed from among themſelves, to ſee the Laws of the Aſſembly put in due execution; but the Go-

vernour is to rule but 3 years, and then learn to obey; alſo he hath no power to lay any Tax, or make or abrogate any Law, without the Conſent of the Colony in their Aſſembly.

Sixthly, They are to chooſe annually from among themſelves, a certain Number of Men, according to their diviſions, which conſtitute the General Aſſembly with the Governour and his Council, and have the ſole power of Making Laws, and Laying Taxes for the common good when need ſhall require.

Theſe are the chief and Fundamental Privileges, but the Right Honourable Lords Proprietors have promiſed (and it is their Intereſt ſo to do) to be ready to grant what other Privileges may be found advantageous for the good, of the Colony.

Is there therefore any younger Brother who is born of Gentile blood, and whoſe Spirit is elevated above the common ſort, and yet the hard uſage of our Country hath not allowed ſuitable fortune; he will not ſurely be afraid to leave his Native Soil to advance his Fortunes equal to his Blood and Spirit, and ſo he will avoid thoſe unlawful ways too many of our young Gentlemen take to maintain themſelves according to their high education, having but ſmall Eſtates; here, with a few Servants and a ſmall Stock a great Eſtate may be raiſed, although his Birth have not entituled him to any of the Land of his Anceſtors, yet his Induſtry may ſupply him ſo, as to make him the head of as famous a family.

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Such as are here tormented with much care how to get worth to gain a Livelyhood, or that with their labour can hardly get a comfortable ſubſiſtance, ſhall do well to go to this place, where any man what-ever, that is but willing to take moderate pains, may be aſſured of a moſt comfortable ſubſiſtance, and be in a way to raiſe his fortunes far beyond what he could ever hope for in *England*. Let no man be troubled at the thoughts of being a Servant for 4 or 5 year, for I can aſſure you, that many men give mony with their children to ſerve 7 years, to take more pains and fare nothing ſo well as the Servants in this Plantation will do. Then it is to be conſidered, that ſo ſoon as he is out of his time, he hath Land, and Tools, and Clothes given him, and is in a way of advancement. Therefore all Artificers, as *Carpenters*, *Wheel-rights*, *Joyners*, *Coopers*, *Bricklayers*, *Smiths*, or diligent Husbandmen and Labourers, that are willing to advance their fortunes, and live in a moſt pleaſant healthful and fruitful Country, where Artificers are of high eſteem, and uſed with all Civility and Courteſie imaginable, may take notice, that

There is an opportunity offers now by the *Virginia* Fleet, from whence *Cape Feare* is but 3 or 4 days ſail, and then a ſmall Stock carried to *Virginia* will purchaſe proviſions at a far eaſier rate than to carry them from hence; alſo the freight of the ſaid Proviſions will be ſaved, and be more freſh, and there wanteth not conveyance from *Virginia* thither.

If any Maid or ſingle Woman have a deſire to go over, they will think themſelves in the Golden Age, when

when Men paid a Dowry for their Wives; for if they be but Civil, and under 50 years of Age, ſome honeſt Man or other, will purchaſe them for their Wives.

Thoſe that deſire further advice, or Servants that would be entertained, let them repair to Mr. *Matthew Wilkinſon*, *Ironmonger*, at the Sign of the *Three Feathers* in *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*, where they may be informed when the Ships will be ready, and what they muſt carry with them.

Thus much was convenient to be written at preſent, but a more ample Relation is intended to be publiſhed in due time.

FINIS.